

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Group Art Unit: 3733  
Examiner: Jerry Cumberledge  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL FILED WITH RCE**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 24, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Interview Summary and Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.